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INCREASED PETROLEUM SUPPLIES IN CHINA;
IMPROVED MOTOR HIGHWAYS IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI

Summary: The China Petroleum Company is now actively promoting wider use of kerosene by rural people and of gasoline by motor vehicle operators.

A motor highway has been built between Fo kang and Ch'ing yuan, in northern Kwangtung. A highway bridge near Ch'ing yuan is nearly finished.

Motor highways north and south from Wu chun, in eastern Kwangsi, are in good condition and are being used increasingly.

OIL COMPANY PROMOTING USE OF GASOLINE AND KEROSENE -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 15 Jan 53

Peiping, 14 January (Hsin-nan) -- During the past half year, the volume of petroleum marketed by the China Petroleum Company has been increasing day by day. The sales for the 5 months, July to November 1952, were 81 percent of those for the whole of 1951, and were 70 percent more than those for the corresponding months in 1951.

In addition to the growing consumption in urban and industrial areas, the use of petroleum fuels is extending into rural areas. However, except for Kwangtung and Kwangtung, the country people still burn vegetable oil in their lamps, considering that kerosene must be imported, is therefore expensive, and that they cannot afford to use it. To change this attitude, the Petroleum Company has dispatched groups of agents into the rural areas to promote the use of kerosene for illumination, thus leaving edible vegetable oils for consumption as food, or for use as an exportable commodity to bring in foreign exchange. In Honan, as a result of the activity of cadres of the Cooperative Societies, the proportion of rural people using kerosene has been raised from 30 percent in September 1952 to 60 percent in November 1952.

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With respect to motor fuel, many transport agencies have been using charcoal because of the scarcity and high cost of gasoline. Now the China Petroleum Company is able to supply gasoline in large quantities, while timber is scarce and in great demand. Many local agents of the Petroleum Company are now trying to demonstrate to public and private operators of motor vehicles that the use of gasoline is more advantageous than charcoal gas, and many operators are now changing back to the use of gasoline.

MOTOR ROAD CONNECTS FO-KANG AND CH'ING YUAN -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 29 Jan 53

Canton, 28 January (special dispatch) -- The construction of a motor road connecting Fo-kang (113 26, 24 0) and Ch'ing-yuan (113 1, 23 44), proposed but not built by the KMT regime, was begun under the leadership of the people's government of Fo-kang Hsien 25 November 1952. With the exception of the principal bridge the road has now been completed. The bridge, now under construction, is expected to be finished shortly.

WU-CHOU HAS GOOD HIGHWAY CONNECTIONS -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 29 Jan 53

(Staff writer) -- Two new main highways leading from Wu-chou, have been built, one to Ho-hsien (111 31, 24 23), and one through Jung Hsu (111 16, 23 23) to Jung-hsien (110 34, 22 54). Using these roads, one may proceed by motor vehicles all the way to Lung-chou (106 56, 22 22) in one direction, and to Kuei-lin (110 10, 25 20) in the other.

There is one scheduled bus /or truck/ each day to Jung-hsien and Ho-hsien, although frequently extra runs are made to handle the increasing traffic in passengers and goods.

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